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Polypropylene Plant in Bihar

5471. SHRI RAM SARAN YADAV:
SHRI TEJ NARAYAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Gas Authority of India limited propose to set up a Polypropylene plant in Bihar, and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the latest position in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S KRISHAN KUMAR)(a) : No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Supply of Steam Coal to Bihar

5472. SHRI RAM SARAN YADAV:
SHRI TEJ NARAYAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bihar is getting steam-coal as per the requirement of its industries;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to avoid closure of industries in Bihar due to shortage of steam-coal and to check the unemployment resulting thereby.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTER OF COAL(SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA)(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. Industrial units in Bihar have by and large been receiving steam coal as per their requirements.

(c) The Government have received no information that industries in Bihar are on the verge of closure due to non-supply of steam coal. In fact, Coal India have supplied 144.35 lakh tonnes of coal to non-core sector industries all over the country including Bihar during April to July, 1991 as compared to 123.82 lakh tonnes supplied in the same period last year. The Government have issued instructions to all coal companies to supply at least 50% of the linked quantity of coal to the non-core sector industries.

[*English*]

Foreign Exchange Earned by ITDC Hotels

5473. SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDARU:
SHRI CHETAN P.S. CHAUHAN:
SHRI RAMESH CHAND TOMAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of foreign exchange earned by the India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC) hotels during each of the last three years and upto June 30,1991; and

(b) the steps proposed to be taken to boost the foreign exchange earnings of ITDC hotels?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) (a): The requisite information is given below:-

Year	Direct foreign exchange earned (Rs.in lakhs)
1988-89	726.65
1989-90	802.09
1990-91 (provisional)	806.19
1991-92 (upto June 91)	103.28